

BYLAWS
MIDDLE GEORGIA ART ASSOCIATION
May 2009

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Organization, as voted on in the organizational meeting of February 19, 1967, is Middle Georgia Art Association, herein referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

The object of this Association is to foster interest in both fine and applied arts in Middle Georgia. To this end, this Association may act alone or in company with others having a similar objective. Action taken may include, but need not be limited to, the following:

A. Operation of a center available to members, and others as authorized, for studying, practicing, or otherwise engaging in their artistic endeavors, either singly or in groups; such center may be used also in displaying and/or offering for sale the artistic works of the members as authorized.

B. Sponsoring classes in the execution and/or appreciation of artistic works; arranging lectures, demonstrations, and/or exhibitions of artistic works; and organizing the sale or loan of the artistic works of members and such others as may be authorized.

ARTICLE III: EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS

A. The Executive Board shall be made up of the officers of the Association (President, Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer) plus eight Members at Large. The Board shall be responsible for the management of affairs of the Association. The President shall be Chairman of the Executive Board.

B. Officers shall be elected for a two year term as described in the operating guidelines of the Association. In the event that a member of the Executive Board vacates his/her office, an interim officer shall be appointed by the Executive Board to serve the remaining term of office.

C. The eight Members-at-Large shall be nominated by the Nominating and Development Committee and elected by the membership in the annual election, in the same manner as the officers.

D. Chairmen of standing committees shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Board.

E. Any Executive Board member or Committee Chair not fulfilling the duties of his/her position may be removed from office by a vote of the Executive Board.

F. Officers shall maintain a file corresponding to the duties, responsibilities and any current issues surrounding their office to be passed on to their successors. This file shall contain a copy of the current bylaws.

ARTICLE IV: COMMITTEES

A. The President and Executive Board may appoint standing and ad hoc committees as needed.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- A. Membership in this Association shall be open to artists, both professional and amateur, students, and all who appreciate the visual arts.
- B. A member shall be considered active if the following conditions are met:
 - 1. Her/his dues are paid for the current year. Recurring dues are due one year from the date of previous payment.
 - 2. Active members must attend at least two meetings per year.
- C. Only active members, as defined in Section B of this Article, shall be considered voting members.

ARTICLE VI : POWERS RETAINED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

The following powers are hereby retained by the membership of the Association as a whole and the Executive Board shall take no action abridging the rights of the general membership thereon:

- A. Buying, selling, or trading any real property in the name of the Association.
- B. Creating membership dues categories.
- C. Changing dues, assessments, or any other charges made in connection with membership in the Association. This restriction does not extend to fees or charges levied against members using any facilities or services established by the Association, the Executive Board hereby being vested with the authority to levy economical fees or charges based on individual utilization of such facilities or services.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

- A. The annual business meeting of the Association shall be held in May each year. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be sent to all active members at least 10 days in advance (written, email, or phone call). The members present shall constitute a quorum.
- B. A monthly meeting of the Association shall be held each month from September through May. Monthly meetings may be cancelled upon a minimum of three days prior notice (written, email, or phone call) to the membership from the President.
- C. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held monthly. Meetings during the summer months shall be at the option of the President, with advice from the Board. Written, email, or phone call reminders shall be given to Board members at least a day before the meeting.
- D. Other special meetings may be called by the President or by any three members of the Executive Board, with at least three days phone or e-mail notice to all interested parties.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of those present at either the Annual Meeting or any regular meeting at which the members have had 30 days notice of their presentation.

ARTICLE IX: FINANCE

Any expenditure greater than \$200.00 must have prior approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE X: EMPLOYEES

A. The President and Executive Board shall appoint a paid Administrative Assistant to be present at the gallery for all the public hours of operation, to perform office and sales duties and other tasks recommended by the Board.

B. The President and Executive Board shall appoint a Coordinator of the Mulberry St. Festival whose duties and payment shall be determined by the Executive Board and set in a contract.

ARTICLE XI: EFFECTIVE DATE

These By-laws shall become effective immediately upon their ratification by the membership in a manner consistent with Article VIII.